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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.)

Serial No.: 09/391,861)

Before the Examiner: D. Nguyen

Filed: September 7, 1999)

Group Art Unit: 1632

For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like
Polypeptides)Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 6, 2004

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was timely filed on April 6, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-4.

Remarks: Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.